say that there are some such important issues about which one hon'ble Member has given a notice but everybody likes to speak on that.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let me finish first.

[Translation]

If the leaders of party speak then it makes sense but if all the members speaks then it would be injustice with the Members whose names are listed.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat) : Sir, I just rise to support the contention of Shri Jaswant Singh.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : All right. Your support has been recorded.

Yes, Shri Santosh Mohan Dev, do you also want to record your support to this issue?

(Iterruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Silchar) : Sir, I, on behalf of the Congress Party, share the concern of the hon. Members and I support it...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI CHITTA BASU : Sir, you should allow a Member to complete his sentence...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an important question with regard to Monghyr District. There was personal quarrel at tari shop between villages of Gulalpur and Baank in Monghyr yesterday at 3.30 P.M. Gulalpur is the village of muslims and minorities and Baank is Jatavs village. Thereafter people were organised from Baank village and village of muslims was attacked. One muslim and one Jatav were killed. The dead body of the Jatav was brought to Daryapur and Monghyr road and that is still lying there.

The people of all Jatav villages are being organised for riots. Seven houses belonging to minorities have been ruined, four children are missing and there is no clue of them so far. In this regard, we have talked to the Home Secretary of Bihar, DIG Monghyr and IG of Bihar. But situation is very tense and riots may erupt between Yadav and Muslims. The situation is tense there and therefore, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister to make a statement regarding action being taken by the Bihar administration in this regard. On the one hand the houses of Mohammadans are raided...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is enough. Discussions are daily taking place on Bihar.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL : On the other hand...*(Interruptions)* The bodies of mohammadans are lying in headquarters but they are not allowing to take the dead bodies. The whole Monghyr is tense. Therefore, Home Minister should give a statement on this issue. We appeal you to kindly direct the Home Minister to give statement in this regard.

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the whole nation on this important issue that the incident of Jalian wala Bagh still inspires the whole country. Now, on the occasion of Golden Jublee celebrations of Independence Queen Elizabeth alongwith 2 Englishmen, Dayar and others are coming. These Englishmen had killed more than 500 people in Jalianwala bagh and hanged great revolutionaries like Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Sukhdev Singh and Rajguru. Now some people are being visited.. This is a mockery with the nation. My submission is that as the Government of Japan had apologised to Korean Government for misbehaviour and several exploitation of Korean women, Elizabeth and the Government of Britain should also apologize to India in the same way...*(Interruptions)* and until and unless the Government of India do not pardon the Englishmen, they should not be permitted to visit India...*(Interruptions)* In Punjab, the nephew of Bhagat Singh has said that he will stage agitation against this and the sacrifice of Bhagat Singh will not go in vain. I urge upon the Government to be vigilant on this issue and ask them to apologize...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, they had called Chandrashekhar...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have not allowed you. Please sit down.

[Translation]

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, they had called Chandrashekhar Azad a terrorist. First ask them to apologise for that...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your name is not there in the list. Please sit down.

SHRI A.C. JOS (Idukki) : Sir, through you I want to draw the attention of this august House to a very serious situation that has arisen on the export front of India.

In 1996-97, Rs. 4000 crore worth of marine products have been exported from India to different countries. About 20 per cent of them have gone to Europe alone. The European countries have now imposed a ban on marine products from India for the reason that a virus has been detected in them. However, the real reason is that earlier it used to be bulk quantities which used to go to Europe from India which used to be packed by

their labour and now value added products are being exported from India as a result of which they are losing their labour. So, under the pretext that they found a virus, they are now banning import of all marine products from India.

Out of these marine products, about half are going from the State of Kerala. The announcement of this ban has rendered lakhs of fishermen unemployed. Fishermen there are starving. Many factories have been closed. Apart from that it is going affect the export opportunities of the entire country. As I mentioned earlier, Rs. 4000 crore worth of marine products have been exported last year. Unless the Government takes serious steps in this regard, unless the Prime Minister and the Commerce Minister take very serious note of it and talk to the European countries and see that these products are exported, there will not be any exports after 15th August.

13.00 hrs.

[SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA *in the Chair*]

Practically, 15th of July onwards, the export trade is stopped, marine products have stopped, marine factories have stopped and fishing is stopped. It is a serious situation. The Government should come forward to do something in this regard.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : It is a very serious matter. Some response should be there...*(Interruptions)* The whole export is affected...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS (Karimganj) : Sir, the recent devastating floods in Assam have caused havoc to a large number of villages including those of southern Assam. Not less than five hundred villages have been submerged and the grains in the paddy fields have been totally damaged. More than 17 lakh peasants have been affected by the floods and hundreds of dwellings units have been washed away.

Sir, in southern Assam-Karimganj, Hailakandi, Cachhar districts have been affected badly and the road communication remained suspended there for more than one week. The condition of the districts like Dhaamaji, North Lakhimpur, Tinsukia, Sibsagar in Upper Assam, Nalbari, Dhobri, Gonpada in lower Assam is indescribable. The loss due to devastating floods is yet to be assessed but it would definitely surpass an amount of Rs. 250 crores.

Therefore, I urge the Government to take up immediate relief measures for the flood victims and at the same time, to implement the projects of the Brahmaputra Board and to construct Barak Dams on a long term measure to check floods in Assam, since Assam in a flood-torn province.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Item No. 7-Matters under Rule 377.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : No Lunch Hour. You can have your lunch and come back.

Shri K.L. Sharma.

(Interruptions)

13.03 hrs.

RE : ENTRY OF RAILWAY MINISTER INTO MUMBAI

[English]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, there is one very important matter which concerns the functioning of the Centre and the State. The present threat that has been given against our Minister of Railways by a leader of a political party in one State in this country is something unheard of. It has never happened in the past and it has been openly being said in Maharashtra by the leader of Shiv Sena, which is the ruling party. The alleged reason is that the Minister of Railways' decision to start the Konkan Railway trains from a particular station. On that count, his partymen have been directed not to allow Shri Ram Vilas Paswan to enter the State. I have never in my very humble experience - seen nothing like this. I have no doubt that the real reason is the Minister's statement after he visited those places where the *dalits* where tortured that there should be President's rule. Whether I agree with the Minister or not, that is different. Supposing the hon. Minister of the Union of India - in our country, anywhere for that matter expresses his views or even as a Minister, if he takes a decision ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAN RAWALE (Mumbai South Central) : They have not opposed because of Dalits ...*(Interruptions)* That is not opposed...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will have your say.

Let him finish.

(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Mumbai-North East) : There is no Zero Hour and if somebody stands up and raises...*(Interruptions)* You must allow us. You mut give us a chance...*(Interruptions)*